

**U.S. Department of Labor**

Assistant Secretary for  
Employment and Training  
Washington, D.C. 20210



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The Honorable Sonny Perdue  
Governor of Georgia  
203 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

It is with pleasure that I respond to the State of Georgia's request for an extension of a waiver of statutory and regulatory requirements under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). This action is taken under the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, subtitles B and E and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act. In the Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act for the two-year period, July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007, the state submitted a request for a waiver extension. The request is written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c), and appears to meet the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(e). The following is the disposition of the state's waiver submission (copy enclosed).

The state requested an extension of the waiver to use Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) for youth participants. The state indicates that an extension would allow continued flexibility in using youth funds to provide training services to youth while retaining limited adult funds to be used on adult training services. Accordingly, the state is granted an extension of the waiver of the prohibition on the use of ITAs for older and out-of-school youth at 20 CFR 664.510, through June 30, 2007. The state should ensure that funds used for ITAs are tracked and reflected in the individual service strategies for these youth.

As provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, the approved waiver is incorporated by reference into the state's WIA Grant Agreement. A copy of this letter should be filed with the state's WIA Grant Agreement and the state's Strategic Plan, as appropriate.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce investment outcomes. We are prepared to entertain other state and local-level waiver requests that you may wish to submit, consistent with the provisions of the WIA statute and regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Emily Stover DeRocco".

Emily Stover DeRocco

Enclosure